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RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report

Dear Mr. Snow,

I read the Draft EIS/EIR in its entirety and had some concerns. I attended the CALFED hearings in Walnut Grove (May 6) and Stockton (May 27) and those concerns were not alleviated.

I'm not sure what happened to the CALFED process. Many of us in the Delta felt we would be safe trusting CALFED, and we have been disappointed! Rather than "fix" the Delta, the Plan, especially in regards to the Ecosystem Restoration and Alternative Three, will only harm the Delta and surrounding communities.

I think you are well aware of this fact.

Since 1979 I have followed water issues in California, especially those affecting the Delta and San Joaquin County. People here have never forgotten the fight against The Peripheral Canal in the early eighties. I am afraid the public opposition to this part of your plan is about to derail your whole CALFED process. And when the general public becomes aware of the economic impacts of the Ecosystem Restoration Program, your credibility will be further compromised.

At the Public Hearing in Stockton on May 27, I believe you heard several speakers pledge all their resources and their very lives to defeating the Plan. I hope with all my heart that you listened and took their testimony seriously. I hope you understand that if the committee you direct recommends any final choice of Alternatives which include the Ecosystem Restoration Program as written, and /or Alternative Three (the Peripheral Canal) your plan will never be implemented because it will be tied up in legal challenges for years.

Mr. Snow, you have the ability and power to change the CALFED Program's direction. You must direct your staff to modify their recommendations:

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1. The "Isolated Facility (Peripheral Canal) must be removed from the Plan.
The water users of the State of California must draw from a COMMON POOL.
Separating the Delta from the Sacramento flows will only degrade our water further.
2. Retirement of productive Delta farmland must be removed from the Plan. The little bit of water we use does not have much impact on State supplies. Our food and fiber are worth \$ 1.4 Billion in San Joaquin County. We have public wetlands and a County-wide Multi-Species Habitat Protection and Open Space Plan of our own.
3. More offstream storage, enough to meet California's needs for the future, must be an integral part of a revised Plan.
4. Increased releases into the San Joaquin from Friant Dam must be an integral part of a revised Plan.
5. Increased planning and funding of municipal water treatment facilities must be an integral part of a revised Plan. Coastal municipalities must invest in desalinization plants and water reclamation facilities within their spheres.

If the Delta needs to be "fixed", Mr. Snow, it is because water diversions have "broken" it. The State of California has been careless in its management of water supplies, and we all are paying the the price. You have been given a mission to remedy this situation.

You have two basic choices in the next few months. Revise the Draft Plan and choose a Preferred Alternative which moves the State of California forward in correcting its historic inability to manage water – or choose the alternative and programs which harm the Delta and plunge this State into another long , drawn out, expensive water "war".

I wish you good health and good planning on behalf of ALL the State of California.

Sincerely,

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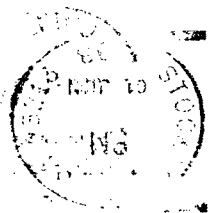
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